The Caledonian Mercury.

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From the Post Boy Sept. 4.

AT last we have Advice that Count Zinzendorf is returned to Soissons from the Court of France. This fills us with the Hopes of a general Pacification, and answer the Pretensions of the Republick; tho' perad'ventute it will be only Harping upon the same String: I mean, that the Drift of the Imperial Answer will tend to the Preservation of the Ostend Company. But should the Imperial Plenipotentiaries even give up that Point at last, what would that avail, so long as the unhappy Differences subsist 'twixt the Courts of Madrid and London? Of which we see no End, while the Spaniards trump up a thousand Pretences to justify their Delay in producing their Counter-pretensions; for which they must either have received the Orders of their Court, and then one would think the D. de Bournonville would have accompanied C. Zinzendorf to Soissons; or else they take upon them prodigiously, in stifling Writings of that Importance which must pass the Form of a Congress.

The Prince of Anhalt Dessau is still at the Court of Dresden, and highly caressed by the King of Poland and his Ministers, and frequently conferring with the King alone, to manage their Negociations with the greater Privacy. Whatever they be, 'tis certain the King of Prussia is to advance his Polish Majesty a large Sum of Money when required, to promote the Interest of the Electorol Prince of Saxony for the Throne of Poland. But at present no more is to be said of that Design for Reasons of State; the same Reasons that induced the King of Poland to put off his Journey to Grodno, to hold the General Diet; for though the Pretence is Indisposition, we have it from good Hands at Dresden, that his Polish Majesty is as well in Health, as he has been of a long Time.

Mynheer von Meyndershagen, Envoy of the King Prussia, at this Court has not yet taken any Step in Relation to the Affair of the Postmaster of Cleves, who received a sound Bastinado at the Hands of an Officer of the Garison of Nimeguen. We shall not fail however to hear from the King of Prussia about it.

The States of Holland will meet about the middle of this Month, to dispose of the vacant Places in the Army, and to consider the State of Affairs, touching the Negociations of Peace or War.

The Prince of East Friesland has written a Letter to the French King and the States General, complaining of a Design to remove the Differences between him and the States of his Country before the Congress of Soissons. What Regard this Letter will meet with at the Court of France, is not for us to determine; but here it will certainly have very little shown it. Nevertheless, the Prince holds his own and talks like a Sovereign throughout these Letters.

The Emperor set out from Gratz in Stiria the 16th Inst. attended by Count Zinzendorf, Lord Steward of the Houshold, Count Hamilton, Captain of the Guard, &c. Prince Eugene of Savoy will wait at Gratz till the Arrival of another Express from France.

The Ministers of Great Britain and Holland have presented another Memorial touching the Affair of Altena, but we cann't say with more Likelihood of Success than before. Since which we understand several Merchants of Hamburg and other Places have ventured some Money on that Undertaking.

Dresden, Aug. 31. N. S. The General Count Seckendorf arrived here some Days ago from Berlin. The King has conferred the Blue Ribbon upon the Priuce of Anhalt-Dessau, who will shortly return to the Court of Berlin, and repair afterward to that of the Emperor.

Moscow, July 24. The Ambassadors Extraordinary of the Emperor and King of Spain, maintain their Character here with great Magnificence; the Muscovite Lords are often at extraordinary Expence to entertain them, and the Czar frequently admits them to his own Table. His Czarish Maje-

ſty has written to the Duke of Holſtein, That he has ordered his Plenipotentiary at the Congreſs of Soiſſons to take care of his Intereſt with reſpect to the Reſtitution of the Dutchy of Slefwick, and other Demands he has upon the King of Denmark.

Paris, Sept. 11. On the 5th the Queen heard Maſs celebrated in the Chapel of the Caſtle by the Biſtop of Chalons, her Firſt Almoner. After which her Majeſty was Churched with the uſual Ceremony. On the 2d Inſt. the King nominated the Count de Pleto his Miniſter to the Court of Denmark; and next Day that Lord went to Fountainbleau to thank his Majeſty.

From the Flying Poſt, Sept. 5.

Venice, Aug. 28. Two Flemiſh Gentlemen, who were for ſome Time paſt in France, have been here theſe 5 Months to ſolicite the Payment of 250000 Livres, which they put into the Hands of Mr. John Law when he was at Paris, in order to improve it for them in Miſſiſſipi Stock. Tho' Mr. Law does not deny the Depoſit, yet he ſays he cann't pay them, becauſe he ſays that would be a Precedent to his other Creditors to make the ſame Demand. His Cronies, particularly Mr. Le Blond, Conſul of France, give out, That a certain Miniſter is to be laid aſide, and that Mr. Law will furthwith be recalled to ſucceed him. But this is not very likely.

From the Evening Poſt, Sept. 5.

Petersburg, Aug. 17. On the 14th Inſtant arrived here General Jagoſinski from Moſcow, with Advice that our Emperor will certainly be here about the Middle of next Month. Letters from Olonitz ſay, that 1200 Iron Cannon, and 200,000 Balls for the ſame, caſt at that Place, have been ſhipp'd there, in order to be brought hither, with other Utenſils of War, which we hear will be ſent to a certain Kingdom.

Copenhagen, Aug. 31, Yeſterday the Engliſh and Dutch Miniſters preſented another Memorial to the King relating to the Altena Company; notwithſtanding which, People are perſwaded there will be no Alteration made therein: Mean-time the Subſcriptions go forward according to Wiſh. The King has reſolved to ſend a ſolemn Embaſſy to the Court of Pruſſia; and 'tis ſaid that General Levenohr will be nominated.

Paris, Sept. 11. The Duke de Richlieu having offered to Count Sinzendorf Plenipotentiary of the Emperor, an Apartment for himſelf and ſix Domeſticks, his Excellency accepted the Offer; the reſt of his Domeſticks have taken Lodgings in the Town.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Sept. 7.

No Foreign Mails this Poſt.

WE have Accounts from Weybridge, that great Hopes were entertained Yeſterday Morning of the E. of Lincoln's Recovery, but about 10 a-clock a ſtrong Convulſion ſeized his Lordſhip, which laſted about 5 Minutes, ſeveral Men ſcarce being able to hold him. The Phyſicians then bled him in the Neck, when he came again to his Senſes; but this was followed by a dozing Fit, and then a Convulſion, which ſucceeded one another the beſt part of the Day: So that towards Even the Phyſicians began to deſpair of his Recovery. His eldeſt Son the Lord Clinton, is dangerouſly ill at St. James-Square of a Fever.

Yeſterday a Wardmote was held for electing an Alderman for Langburn ward, in room of Sir Peter Delme, and the Choice fell upon Sir Henry Hanky, who had the Majority on the Pole of 56, againſt Edward Bridgen, Eſq; he is an eminent Goldſmith and Banker, and bears a very fair Character. 'Tis particularly remarked of him, That tho' he had 12000 l. original S. S. Stock in the memorable 1720, which roſe to 800 per Cent. yet he refuſed to take the Advantage of ſelling out, becauſe it was his Opinion, that thoſe who bought it would be great Sufferers. And if others had been as conſcientious, it would have prevented the Ruine of many a great and wealthy Family, the Fatherleſs and Widow, who have been ſince reduced to beg their Bread.

Miſt's Journal is not publiſhed this Day. Beſide the Printer mentioned in our laſt, (who lives in St. John's Lane) we hear another in the Country has preſum'd to reprint in his News-paper the treaſonable Letter in ſaid Journal of the 24th paſt, and that Meſſengers are gone down to take him into Cuſtody for the ſame. 'Tis talked that for the future a Penalty will be laid on the Publiſhers of the foreſaid Journal.

The Lord Viſcount Townſhend is ſaid to be in very

ry much Diſorder again. Yeſterday Morning died the Lord Biſhop of Cheſter's Lady.

The Honble the Lord Cockburne ſailed laſt Wedneſday in the Packet Boat from Dover to Oſtend; where we are told that Company ſtill buoy up themſelves with Hopes of carrying on their Commerce to the Eaſt Indies. But ſuch Accounts are daily expected from Fountainbleau as will convince them to the contrary, and likewiſe ſhew, that the Reports raiſed by ſome here concerning Gibraltar and Portmahon are falſe and groundleſs. South Sea Stock is riſen to 104 1 4th, and the Company is preparing to ſend Men and Stores to the Weſt Indies, for the Service of their Ship Prince Frederick, in her Return from Vera Cruz to England.

This Day their Majeſties ſet out from Hampton-Court to Windſor.

We hear that 4 of the Perſons taken up on account of *Miſt's Journal*, appearing on Examination to be leaſt concerned, have been diſcharg'd; but that all the reſt are ſtill in Cuſtody. And 'tis aſſured that Search is making after ſome others of a higher Rank, the Government having diſcovered, that the printing of that treaſonable Libel was a premeditate Act and Concert with ſome diſaffected Perſons abroad.

There is no talk at preſent of the Reduction of the Forces; but that the ſame will be done whenever it ſhall be judged neceſſary is not doubted.

Laſt Thurſday Count Kinski, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor, had his firſt Audience of his Majeſty; who being ſeated under his Seat in the Privy Chamber, he was called in, and met at the Door by the Duke of Grafton; who placing himſelf on his Right Hand, as was the Maſter of Ceremonies on his Left, they approached his Majeſty, making 3 profound Reverences: He then began his Speech in the German Language, delivering his Letter of Credence to his Majeſty, who was pleaſed to anſwer his Compliment in Engliſh; which ended, they afterwards retired backwards, making their Reverence as when they approached his Majeſty.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Sept. 7.

London, Sept. 7. On Thurſday laſt a Petition was preſented to his Majeſty in Council, praying for a Pardon in behalf of the late Earl of Mar, and we hear in a few Days a Patent will be ordered accordingly.

The Principal Plenipotentiaries being gone from Soiſſons to Paris and Fountainbleau, we remain under the ſame Uncertainty with Regard to Peace or War. Thoſe of the Electors of Bavaria and Palatine have been admitted to the Conferences, but not Count Baſſewitz, Plenipotentiary of the Duke of Holſtein, to whom they conſtantly refuſe to grant the Title of *Excellency*.

Edinburgh, Sept. 12. A malicious and ſcandalous Libel, intituled, *A Letter from a Gentleman in Edinburgh to his Friend at London*; (tending to the Diſcredit of the York-Buildings Company, and to the undue Diſcouragement of a very reaſonable Undertaking, carried on by them to the manifeſt Benefit of this Country, as alſo injuriouſly reflecting upon ſeveral worthy Gentlemen) having been lately publiſhed and vended in this City: The Governor of the ſaid Company (now in this Place) entred a Complaint thereupon before the Magiſtrates; who, from a juſt Abhorrence of ſuch Practices, and a due Regard to Juſtice, have diſcharged the Publiſhing or Vending of ſuch Paper in time coming: With Certification, That the Contraveeners will be puniſhed according to Law, with the utmoſt Rigour.

REPORT *of the Committee appointed to ſupervise the Examination of the* GRAMMAR-SCHOOL *at North-Berwick, by the Presbytery of Haddington.*

The Committee apointed to ſupervise the Examination of the *Grammar-School* at North-Berwick report, That on Thurſday the 8th of Auguſt laſt they met at North-Berwick, and the Scholars being very numerous, many of their Friends and others being met from different Places, to hear how they ſhould acquit themſelves, Mr. JAMES PURDIE their Maſter propoſed that Meeting ſhould be held in the Church, which was agreed to.

The Examination of the School begun at nine of the Clock in the Morning, and was continued till two in the Afternoon, in preſence of all the Maſters of the College of Edinburgh, and a numerous Company of other Honourable and learned Gentlemen, and ſeveral Miniſters, beſide the Committee of the Presbytery.

All the *Latin-Scholars* of the School were examined one by one, beginning with the loweſt Claſs, and going on to the higheſt. Each of the Claſſes profeſſed as large a Portion of the *Latin Authors* both in Proſe and Verſe, as could be expected f

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them considering the respective Times they had been learning; and had the Places of the *Authors* upon which they were tried, cast up to them by the Masters of the College.

And in their Examination, the Committee observed, That the Boys did *read* very easily and distinctly, that they explained their *Authors* handsomely, and gave the *Syntax* and *Analysis* readily, applying the *Rules* as they went along and were called to do it, very exactly. They shewed also a great readiness in turning any Sentence of the Authors they professed from *English* into *Latin extempore*, and in *diversifying* the Phrases.

The three superior Classes likewise offered themselves to be tried upon turning any of the Examples of Mr. RUDDIMAN's *Grammatical Exercises* from English into Latin; and giving the Rules of the *Grammar* and *Syntax*, which the several *Examples* are brought to illustrate: But there being so much Time bestowed upon other Parts of their Trial, wherein they acquit themselves so well, this was not thought necessary.

The highest Class was also examined upon a Part of the *Greek New Testament*, which they profess'd, and did read it distinctly, giving the *Explication* and *Analysis* thereof to great Satisfaction, at the same time shewing a very good Knowledge of the *Grammar*.

There were also Specimens produc'd of their *fair Writing*; whereby it appeared many of them wrote a very fine Hand.

Upon the whole: The Committee were very well pleased, to hear the Masters of the College of Edinburgh express their entire Satisfaction both with the *Master* and *Scholars*. And it was the *unanimous* Opinion of the Committee, That the said School is taught with great *Care*, an excellent *Method*, and with much *Success*; and therefore worthy of all Encouragement.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶ That upon Wednesday the 25th Instant, there is to be exposed to Sale by way of Roup, at the House of Balzony, all the Horses, Oxen and Cows which belonged to the deceast David Earl of Leven, of different Ages and Sizes, at 10 aclock before Noon.

¶¶ That the Arbiters in the Submission of the Creditors of George Miln Merchant in Turreff, have ordained the whole Creditors to convey their respective Debts and Diligences, in favours of Alexander Duff of Hatton, and John Gordon of Warhouse, as Trustees, in order to lead an Adjudication against the Heretage of the said George Miln, for the Behoof of his said Creditors; and that every Person who is a Creditor, may make out the proper Conveyances in favours of the said Trustees, and lodge the same with their several Interests in the Hands of Alexander Innes Shetiff Clerk of Banff, Clerk to the said Submission, betwixt and the eleventh Day of October next: As also that the Creditors who have not already deponed, may attend the Arbiters at New-mill of Auchterless, upon the said eleventh of October next, in order to make Faith upon the Verity of their respective Debts.

By Order of the General Meeting of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance,

All the Contributors are appointed to renew their Bonds, for their Capital Præmiums betwixt and Martinmas next, with Certification, that if they neglect so to do, immediate Diligence will be done on their said Bonds; And for their Accommodation, Attendance is given daily at the Office from 10 to 12 in the Forenoon, and from 3 to 5 in the Afternoon, Saturdays excepted.

THO. ELIOT Secretary

To be sold,

¶*¶ The Barony and Estate of GRAIGHALL, in the Parish of Cires and Shire of Fife, two Miles Southward from the Town of Cowper, holding Blench of the Crown; Of Yearly Rent 17 Chalders, 9 Bolls, 3 Firlots, 3 Pecks Bear; 3 Chalders, 1 Boll, 2 Firlots, 2 pecks Meal; 1 Chalder, 7 Bolls Oats; L. 3573, 7 6, Scots Money, 41 Capons, 295 Hens, and 36 Poultry, all Feu Duty; out of which the only Payments are 100 L. Scots to the Minister of Cires, and 100 Merks to the Schoolmaster; with a very good Mansionhouse, Stables and Coach-house, Garden, Orchyard, Dovecoat and inclosures, beautified with Planting of 50 Years Growth and upwards, a Going Coal, Stone and Lime-stone Quarries; the Superiority of a pretty Country Village the Burgh of Barony, to which belongs the Privilege of a weekly Market, and two annual Fairs of some Note. The House is situated on a rising Ground, and consists of 15 Fire Rooms, five Closets, a Gallery 60 Foot long, and Wardrobe on the upper Floors, and upon the Ground Floor, Kitchen, Scaldry, Ladner, Pantry, Lattermeat Room, Bakehouse, Brewhouse, Cellars and Dairy all vaulted. The Rental and Progress of this Estate are to be seen in the Hands of Alexander Christie Writer in Edinburgh, at his Writing Chamber in the 4th Storey of the Timber Land adjoining to Wilky's Land in Edinburgh.

§¶§ That the Parks of Balgony, lying within four Miles of Kirkaldy, and six of Cowper in Fife, lately possest by the deceast Earl of Leven, are to be set in Tack jointly or separately for the Space of four Years, commencing Michaelmas next, by publick Roup at Balgony Tuesday the 24th of September, with a convenient Apartment of the House, or the whole of it, and Offices and Gardens as may be needful; the Parks are all sufficiently fenced and divided with Stone and Lime Dikes, and consist of about 300 Acres of arable Ground, beside above 40 Acres of Meadow Ground, fenced with Hedge and Ditch. The Conditions of Roup to be seen in the Hands of John Russel Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber opposite to the Cross Well, North Side of the Street, Edinburgh, and in the Hands of the Honourable Mr. Alexander Leslie at Melvill.

N. B. Any who are preferred at the Roup, may have the Conveniency of Corns and Fodder, Labouring Horses, Cattle, Cows and going Gear, to be sold at Balgony some time thereafter by Roup.